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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, Draygate Circus, E.C. BATES HENRY & Co., 37, Walbrook, E.C. SAMUEL DRAGON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street, W. M. WILLS, 151, Cannon Street, E.C. ROBERT WATSON, 151, Fleet Street.

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NEW YORK.—J. STEWART HAPPE, THE CHINESE EVANGELIST COMPANY, 52, West 22d Street.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEN & BLACK, San Francisco.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

CEYLON.—W. M. SMITH & Co., THE APOTHECARIERS CO., Colombo.

SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAYLE & Co., Square, Singapore. C. HANNEMAN & Co., Manila.

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Banks.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3: Saturday, 10 to 1.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savins' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
THOMAS JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, May 13, 1890. 754

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL \$2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL \$268,000.

LONDON:
Head Office, 40, Threadneedle Street,
West End Office, 25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives Money on Deposit, Buys and Sells Bills of Exchange, Issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be had on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 3 " 3 " "

On CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, September 4, 1890. 1362

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$8,169,062.50
RESERVE FUND \$5,452,127.20
RESERVE LIABILITY, OR \$8,168,062.50
PROPRIETORS, \$8,168,062.50

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. L. DALMYPLE, Esq.
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MANAGER,
Shanghai, JOHN WALTER, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—London and County
Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

THOMAS JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 11, 1890. 363

Intimations.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE Sixth COMPETITION for the Subscription CHALLENGE CUPS and RANGE SPOONS will take place on SATURDAY NEXT, the 13th instant, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Ranges—80 and 90 Yards, 10 Shots at each range. Entrance Fee, 30 Cents.

A Launch will leave the P. & O. Pier at 3 o'clock p.m.

C. VIVIAN LADDIS,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 9, 1890. 2117

EOTHEN MARK LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 264.

A Regular MEETING will be held on SATURDAY, the 13th Inst., at 8.30 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially invited.

Hongkong, December 5, 1890. 2089



MAGNIFICENT EXHIBITION OF SUPERB JAPANESE PORCELAIN, GOLD LAQUERWARE, GOLD & SILVER INLAID BRONZES, EXQUISITE VASES, IVORY CARVINGS. All of the Highest Class.

BOUGHT DIRECT from JAPAN by Mr SEIYEMON IKIDA of Kobe. Testimonials.

From H.R.H. the Prince Albert of Wales, their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Connaught and several of the Princes of the Blood of the German and other Empires, whose Autographs can be inspected at the SHOW ROOM,

Mr. W. S. MARTEIN'S 2, Duddell Street, which will be OPEN to the Public, on MONDAY NEXT, the 8th Inst.

The most interesting and splendid Exhibition of Art Treasures ever opened in Hongkong.

SEIYEMON IKIDA, Proprietor, From Kobe, Japan.

Hongkong, December 3, 1890. 2076

NOTICE.

M. R. S. IKIDA, of KOBE, JAPAN, who is Now Showing his EXHIBITION of JAPANESE FINE ART, at Mr. W. S. MARTEIN'S OFFICE, 2, Duddell Street, intends leaving Hongkong on the 16th Instant.

Hongkong, December 10, 1890. 2124

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Undersigned is prepared to PURCHASE FRACTIONAL CERTIFICATES at Current Market Rates. Persons holding the same are requested to apply at the Company's OFFICE, No. 4, Praya Central.

EDWARD OSBORNE, Secretary.

Hongkong, December 2, 1890. 2068

FOR ONE WEEK ONLY!

TO CLEAR A CONSIGNMENT.

JEWELLERY! DIAMONDS! WATCHES!

SUITABLE FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

MESSRS. KUHN & Co., will submit FOR SALE for ONE WEEK ONLY, FIRST-CLASS JEWELLERY, consisting of EXQUISITE DIAMONDS, and GOLD and SILVER WATCHES, all of the latest make and style.

FOR ONE WEEK ONLY.

KUHN & Co., 21 & 23, Queen's Road, Hongkong, December 10, 1890. 2125

WINDSOR HOUSE, NO. 8, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE, AND FAMILY HOTEL.

THIS ESTABLISHMENT is situated in a most central position, opposite the Telegraph Office and two doors from the Chartered Bank. It offers FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION to Residents and Travellers, has a spacious Dining Room, and a large number of well furnished Bed Rooms with all comforts. A Good Table kept.

TABLE D'HOTE—Breakfast, 8.30 a.m.; Then, 1 p.m.; Dinner, 8.30 p.m.

BOARD by the Month, Day, or Single Meals, of reasonable rates.

ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO SERVE MEALS IN GENTLEMEN'S QUARTERS. CONTINENTAL LANGUAGE SPOKEN.

Mrs. BOHM, Proprietress.

Hongkong, August 30, 1889. 1882

HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LTD.

WINTER TIME TABLE.

(To take effect from 15th October.)

WEEK DAYS.

8 a.m. to 10 a.m. every quarter of an hour.

12 noon to 1 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

1 p.m. to 2 p.m. half hour.

3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. quarter of an hour.

SATURDAYS.

NIGHT TEAMS at 10.30 p.m. and 11 p.m.

SUNDAYS.

CHURCH TRAM at 10.40 a.m.

12 noon to 1 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. half hour.

8 p.m. to 11 p.m. quarter of an hour.

SPECIAL CARS may be obtained on application to the Superintendent.

Single Tickets are sold in the Cars; Five-Cent Coupons and Reduced Tickets at the Office.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, October 14, 1890. 2102

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities,

and every description of Banking and

Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the

chief Commercial places in Europe, India,

Australia, America, China and Japan.

THOMAS JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 11, 1890. 363

Business Notices.

SEA SERVICE AWARD CO.

HAVE A FULL SUPPLY OF

Wines, Spirits and Liquors

OF ALL KINDS.

ARE AGENTS for the 'AYALA' CHAMPAGNE and 'KIRIN' JAPANESE BEER, which they receive fresh at short intervals.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. also receive regularly PRESERVED PROVISIONS from the best packers.

PRICE LISTS ON APPLICATION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, November 22, 1890. 2001

W. POWELL & Co.

HAVE A SPLENDID SELECTION OF LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S JACKETS AND ULSTERS,

With the NEW 'MEDICI' COLLAR.

W. POWELL & Co.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, November 29, 1890. 2046

NEW HATS.

CHRISTY'S AND HEATH'S BLACK, BROWN AND GREY FELT HATS.

DOUBLE AND SINGLE TERAI AND OTHER SOFT FELTS.

BEST ENGLISH-MADE STRAW HATS.

Intimations.

Business Notices.

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LTD.

(LATE THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE COY., LTD.)

JUST RECEIVED.

A SPLENDID NEW ASSORTMENT OF

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ALSO SUEDE, KID AND SILK GLOVES,
all Shades and Lengths; as well as FANCY GOODS of
every description for Evening wear.

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LTD.

37 & 39, QUEEN'S ROAD-CENTRAL.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination	Vessels	Agents	Date of Leaving
Bremen & Ports of Call Sachsen (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd, Dec. 21, at 11 a.m.		
London, v. Suez Canal Hector (s)	Butterfield & Swire, December 13.		
Marseilles, v. Saigon, Melbourne (s)	Messageries Maritimes Dec. 18, at noon.		
Adamson, Bell & Co., About Dec. 13.			
New York, v. Suez Canal Glamorganshire (s)	Russell & Co., ... Quick despatch		
S. Francisco, v. Japan Oceanic (s)	O. & S. S. O. ... Dec. 18, at 1 p.m.		
S. Francisco, v. Japan City of Rio Janeiro (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co., Dec. 30, at 1 p.m.		
S'pore, Bayro & H'burg Electra (s)	Butterfield & Swire, ...		
Stow, Amoy & F'chow Namao (s)	Simeons & Co., ... Dec. 15, at noon.		
Swatow, Amoy & T'ien Hailoong (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co. Dec. 1, at noon.		
S'pore, Amoy & F'chow Namao (s)	Russell & Co., ... Dec. 22, at 4 p.m.		
T'ieh-tse, &c., Poseidon (s)	D. Sasoon, Sons & Co. Dec. 18, at noon.		
Vancouver (B.C.), & Abyssinia (s)	Canadian Pacific S. Co. Dec. 18, at noon.		

TODAY'S Advertisements.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

December 11, 1890.—
Actis, Danish steamer, 356, H. Hygon, Hoilow December 10, General—ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.

Thuan An, Chinese steamer, 350, Wong Ling Sing, Hui, Hong November 27, Ballast—CHINERIE.

Amoy, German steamer, 814, Th. Lehmann, Wulff December 6, and Wusong 8, Rice—STEIMSEN & CO.

December 12.—
Hector, British steamer, 1,489, H. E. Batt, Foo-hoo December 9, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Peking, German steamer, 954, F. Schulz, Shanghai December 9, General—STEIMSEN & CO.

Polyphemus, British steamer, 1,613, Wm. Lee, Liverpool October 25, and Singapore December 6, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Hailoong, British steamer, 783, F. D. Goddard, Tamsui December 9, and Amoy 11, General—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.

Polyphemus, British steamer, 1,613, Wm. Lee, Liverpool October 25, and Singapore December 6, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

December 13.—
Perseus, British gunboat, for a cruise.DIPALTUR 83.—
December 13.—
Taicuan, for Singapore.

Johann, for Macao.

Sophie Rickmers, for Bangkok.

Eduardo, for Kuching-nut.

Cutty, for Singapore.

Glenlyon, for Shanghai.

Aurora, for Yokohama.

Ch'ang Chew, for Amoy.

Swift, British gunboat, for a cruise.

CLEARED.

Active, for Hoilow and Pakkoi.

FAN-EN-KEH.—
Arrived.

Per Amoy, from Shanghai, 12 Chinese.

Per Peking, from Shanghai, Mr and Mrs Power, and 112 Chinese.

Per Hailoong, from Coast Ports, 11 Chinese.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Co.'s Steamship Namao,

Captain Gipps, will be appointed for the above

Port to-morrow, the 13th instant, at

Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LIPRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, December 12, 1890. 2131

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor

Owners will be Responsible for

any Debt contracted by the Officers or

Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour.—

L. HAGEN, German barque, Captain Otto Busch—Wieland & Co.

Lorraine, British barque, Capt. Thos. G. Evans—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

Modoro, American barquentine, Capt. P. M. Carver—Soong Choy.

Sr. Nicholas, American ship, Capt. C. F. Carver—Douglas Lipraik & Co.

D.—

Great Northern Telegraph Co.

31. Gibb, Livingston & Co.

44. Government House.

75. Gordon, A. G. & Co., P'aya.

76. Gordon, A. G. & Co., Bowrington.

80. Government Civil Hospital.

20. Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.

25. H. K. & W. Dock—Aberdeen Dock.

27. Holiday, Wm. & Co.

28. Holiday, J. F.

32. Hongkong Hotel, Public Telephone.

33. Hancock, St. John H., C.E.

45. Holmes & Ezra.

64. Holmes & Rodyk.

67. Hughes, E. J., Residence.

68. Hirst, Chas., Residence.

74. Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.

77. Ho Tung, P'aya Central.

78. Ho Tung, S'pore T'raffic.

81. Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Co. down Co., Ltd.

23. Jordan, Dr. G. F.

43. Jordan, Dr. G. F., Residence.

60. Impala & Exports Office.

63. Judd, Wm. Peak.

71. Jardine, Matheson & Co.

72. Jardine, Matheson—Sugar Refinery.

5. Linstead & Davis.

M.—

39. Mackintosh, E., Residence.

73. Millat, Martin, v. Miljana.

19. P. & S. N. C.O.

20. Peak Hotel.

29. Peak Hotel & Trading Co., Craigieburn R.

13. Russell & Co.

51. Roy, E. C.

52. Sailor's Home.

69. Soo Sing.

61. Stevens, Geo. R., & Co.

62. Stevens, Geo. R., Residence.

69. Stolzenfels & Hart.

T.—

1. The Hongkong Telegraph.

9. The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

V.—

56. Victoria Hotel, Public Telephone.

W.—

16. Watson, A. S., & Co.

17. The Exchange is open day and night.

A. SANDFORD, Agent.

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INSURANCES.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned Agents for the above

Company, are prepared to ACCEPT

RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, July 15, 1890. 1340

THE EQUITABLE LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, November 14, 1890. 1354

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Namo—Name leaves for Coast Ports.

Hector leaves for London.

Auctions.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, Printing Plant, &c., at the Residence of Mr. S. A. Norona, Zetland Street.

Meeting.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Eischen Mark Lodge.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Performance at the City Hall.

Miscellaneous.

3.30 p.m.—Competition of the Hongkong Rifle Association.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

BY APPOINTMENT.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

(ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.)

HONGKONG.

WE invite attention to the following old
London Brands, all of which are excellent
quality and good value for the money.The same being specially selected by our
London House, and bought direct from the
most noted Shippers, are imported in wood
and bottled by ourselves, thus enabling us
to supply the best growths at moderate
prices.In ordering it is only necessary to state
the name and quantity of Wine or
Spirits wanted, and initial letter for quality
desired.

Orders through Local Post or by Tele-

gram receive prompt attention.

PORTS. (For Invalids and general use.)

Per Case. Per Bot.

A Alto Douro, good quality, Green Capsule . \$10 \$1.00

B Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule . 12 1.10

C Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule . 14 1.25

D Very Fine Old Vintage, extra-superior, (Old Bottled) . 18 1.50

SHERRIES.

A Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule . 6 0.60

B Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule . 7.50 0.75</div

The pirates wanted everybody to go up to the Captain's cabin. Very shortly afterwards I heard the second officer being sent down by the pirates. I heard the second officer speak to the passengers, telling them and the chief engineer that if they would go to the Captain's room without resistance the pirates would spare their lives. I then heard them going up. I still remained in the pantry. I heard them going into the Captain's cabin. After they had gone in the pirates made a rush in a hurry into the saloon. The door of the pantry where I was was thrown open by them. I saw one man standing at each side of the door with a revolver pointed at me. They told me to come out. One man spoke in English and told me to go topside. I went up followed by the two men. As I passed through the saloon I saw some half dozen men engaged in opening the cabin doors. They were all armed and dressed in ordinary Chinese clothes, the only distinguishing mark being a red string with a cross attached to it, hanging from their breasts. Each man had two revolvers, one attached to his neck with a white cord and one in his hand. Each one appeared to be smoking a cigar. At that time I saw no sword. On getting nearly to the top of the staircase one of the men standing near the door cocked his revolver and prepared to shoot me, but three or four others down below sang out to him 'No' in Chinese. He then pointed for me to go into the Captain's cabin. I went in. The Captain's cabin is on the deck, at the entrance to the saloon. I saw the Captain lying on his bed with a wound in his chest. He was apparently dying. In the room also were all the officers and passengers. The chief engineer and second officer were attending to the Captain, giving him water. As soon as I got into the door was closed. There were eleven of us inside including the Captain. Four or five minutes afterwards a couple of the pirates knocked at the door and somebody sang out to open the door. On the door being opened was a broadsword standing outside guarded by a number of pirates. The pirates were armed with two revolvers in the way I have already described. The broadsword said the pirates wanted all the passengers and officers to hand over the money and valuables in their possession. I told the passengers and officers to do so and they complied. The Captain had died before this. He died about a couple of minutes after I entered the room. That was about a quarter to two. All I had to hand over to the pirates was a pocket-knife, worth about \$2. My finger ring and shirt studs were taken in the junior officers' mess-room. The pirates seized the whole of these arms. When they first attacked the saloon I heard the pirates taking the arms from the rack in the companion. When I came out of the captain's room I found that all the arms had been taken away. The ship's ammunition consisted of 8 or 10 boxes of cartridges for revolvers, 8 or 10 dozen rounds Snider ammunition for the rifles. One box of revolver cartridges is kept in each officer's and engineer's berth. The rest of the revolver cartridges are kept in a box in my room. Part of the Snider ammunition is kept in the magazine, which has not been touched, and part was kept in a locker at the top of the saloon companion, which has been seized, as also the ammunition in the officers' rooms and in my own. No rifle shots were fired and no swords were inflicted during the attack. I have seen a number of photos of criminals since this affair. I did not recognize any of them. I have no reason to think that any of the crew are mixed up in this affair.

The witness at this point was handed a volume of criminals' photos and asked to look at some of them. He pointed out one whom he said he recognized.

Examination continued.—That is the man whom I took to be leader of the pirates. I could swear to him. I do swear that is the man. I was looking at the photograph with the chief engineer yesterday morning. Inspector Stanton brought the book on board and showed it to me. He did not show me any particular photograph. I cannot say why the pirates stowed in the boats. Possibly because they did not want us to get away from the ship, or it might be to prevent us from pursuing them. I saw the junks steering in towards the head of Tsin Ko Island. That was the last I saw of them. The pirates must have been well acquainted with everything connected with the ship. They showed a perfect knowledge of all parts of the ship. Their behaviour was insolent. They were noisy and violent, and kept on a constant shouting during the whole time. During the first attack their object appeared to be to shoot everybody, but after having shot the Captain they seemed to be satisfied. I know of no reason why they should have shot him. He did not appear to me to be offering any resistance. He was a quiet-disposed man. I think it is highly improbable that he offered any resistance after agreeing to go up and give them all the valuables he had. The Nemoo runs twice a month from Hongkong. Chinese passengers are shipped at the wharf, and any who have not got tickets pay on board. There is no control over the shipping of Chinese passengers. The average fare to Swatow is about \$2. Their luggage is locked over but practically no thorough search is made. Nominal it is locked over for opium. No control is kept over the Chinese passengers on board. They are allowed to go all over the ship, except above the mainmast. The remaining seven were towed out to sea according to the regulations.

GETTING OUT OF A DIFFICULTY.

The Chairman pointed out that next meeting day fell on Boxing Day and suggested that they should meet next week. By the ordinaries they were bound to meet once a fortnight.

The Registrar General said that the rules provided that if four members were not present a quorum could not be formed, and that the meeting would stand adjourned to the succeeding fortnight.

It was unanimously agreed to let the meeting large in this way.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE REDUCTION OF POSTAGE.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Hongkong, Dec. 12.

SIR.—The long-desired reduction of postage has at last been brought within measurable distance of accomplishment. As reported in your issue of last night, a cablegram was received from the Secretary of State, recommending that the Hongkong rate should be made to correspond with the reduced English rate—2d., the reduction to take effect from 1st January next. This message was submitted to the Finance Committee, and we may take it for granted that the opposition will be raised to the reduction.

It is suggested that the rate be reduced for the present to seven cents the half ounce, owing to our not having a one-cent or six-cent stamp, though it is contemplated that the ultimate charge should be six cents.

With exchange at 3d. to the dollar, six cents is equivalent to 2 1/4d.; at 3 1/2d. to 2 2/8d.; and at 3 1/2d., the rate of the day, to 2 2/6d.; that is, almost the equivalent of 2d.—the rate at which the outward postage is fixed.

Why not then adopt the six-cent rate at once? It is contended that stamps of the value cannot be obtained by next month; but this difficulty can easily be obviated by

morning with jemmies for prizing open boxes in their possession. The arrests, however, have no connection with the Nemoo case.

The police, however, we are glad to say, have obtained reliable information as to the whereabouts of some members of the gang, and strong efforts are undertaken that are likely to bring them to justice.

On the Malib—quarter-mast shot dead in Hospital yesterday, making four deaths in all.

FUNERAL OF CAPTAIN ROCOCK.

The funeral of Capt. Rocock took place this morning and was largely attended. Among those who followed him remain to Happy Valley were representatives of all the shipping firms in the Colony and of almost every class of the community.

THE SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held this afternoon. The Surveyor-General (Hon. S. Brown) presided; and there were also present: Major-General Gordon, the Acting Registrar General (Hon. N. G. Mitchell-Innes), Mr. N. J. Ede, Dr. Calman and Hon. H. Kaj, and Mr. Hugh McCallum, Sanitary Superintendent.

A letter was read from the Acting Colonial Secretary stating that the recommendation of the Sanitary Board that the Government should construct certain length of sewer to drain inland lot 574 was approved by Government.

THE PAY OF THE BOARD'S INSPECTORS.

A letter was read from the Colonial Secretary stating that the application of the Board's inspectors for an increase of pay had been duly considered, but the request having been made to their strength of service as compared with Police Inspectors of the 1st and 2nd class, it was found practicable to accede to their request.

The Chairman.—The reason given against the increase is that most of the inspectors are in the Police Force and that they are retained there they could not be attached to the post of 2nd class inspectors.

The second engineer, the third officer, two quarter-masters (Malib), one sailor and one cook (Chinese) were wounded. None of the Chinese passengers were injured. At no time through the whole proceeding was it possible to make any attempt at resistance. The ship's arms were 12 rifles, 12 sword-bayonets, 12 cutlasses and 14 revolvers. The rifles and bayonets were in a dozen revolver cases in the hold of the saloon companion, and there was a revolver in each officer's and engineer's berth. The 12 cutlasses were in the junior officers' mess-room. The pirates seized the whole of these arms. When they first attacked the saloon I heard the pirates taking the arms from the rack in the companion.

When I came out of the captain's room I found that all the arms had been taken away. The ship's ammunition consisted of 8 or 10 boxes of cartridges for revolvers, 8 or 10 dozen rounds Snider ammunition for the rifles.

One box of revolver cartridges is kept in each officer's and engineer's berth.

The rest of the revolver cartridges are kept in a box in my room. Part of the Snider ammunition is kept in the magazine, which has not been touched, and part was kept in a locker at the top of the saloon companion, which has been seized, as also the ammunition in the officers' rooms and in my own.

No rifle shots were fired and no swords were inflicted during the attack.

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Even with the rate at 3/2d. a six-cent rate would yield a fair profit by the French Mail.

It is with the English Mail that the loss is occasioned, and the loss is such that it cannot be compensated by an increase of correspondence.

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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

SHIPPING IN CHINA, JAPAN,
PHILIPPINES & SIAM
WATERS.

WHAMPOA.

Vessel's Name.	Flag & Rig.	Destination.
Canton	Brit. str.	
Fookong	Brit. str.	
Kwungang	Brit. str.	
Modoo	Amer. bgo.	
Tamau	Brit. str.	

AMOY.

In port on December 6, 1890.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

Namoa	British	
Namchow	British	
Taiwan	British	

MERCHANT SAILING VESSEL.

Buato	Brit. bgo.	
Emmatt. Crowell Amer. bgo.		
G. H. Wappaus Brit. bgo.		
Krokrine Nilson Gen. bgo.		
Walter Siegfried Brit. bgo.		

FOOCHOW.

In port on December 6, 1890.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

Chefoo	British	Shanghai
Hai'an	British	

MERCHANT SAILING VESSEL.

Hedwig	Brit. bgo.	
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SHANGHAI.

In port on December 5, 1890.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

Akashi	Japanese	
Alvina Seyd	German	
Aoshin Maru	Japanese	Nagasaki, &c.
Balkal	Russian	
Canton	British	
Chiyuan	Chinese	
City of Belfast	British	
Euhwo	British	
Glamorganshire	British	
Hector	British	
Kiang-foo	Chinese	
King-phi	Chinese	
King-wo	British	
Melbourne	French	
Mirzapore	British	
Palamed	British	
Sinn-cheng	French	
Sin Nanzing	British	
Storo Nordiske Danib	British	
Swatow	British	
Taiwo	British	
Taku	British	
Thames	British	
Toonan	Chinese	
Wha-on	British	
Yehsin	Chinese	Hankow, &c.
Yokohama Maru	Japanese	Kobo
Yushwo	British	

MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.

Annie H. Smith Am.	sh.	
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NAGASAKI.

In Port on November 29, 1890.

Clan Macpherson Brit. sh.

Kozaki Maru Japan. bgo.

YOKOHAMA.

In port on November 27, 1890.

YOKOHAMA.

Abyssinia	Brit. str.	
Diana	Amer. sh.	
Josephus	Amer. sh.	
Milverton	Brit. str.	
Pythone	Brit. str.	
Thomas Dana	Amer. sh.	
Wm. H. Conner Amer. sh.		

HIOGO.

In port on November 28, 1890.

Bello O'Brien Amer. sh.

Honolulu Brit. sh.

MANILA.

In Port on November 19, 1890.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

Compania de Filipinas Sp. str. discharging		
Kara	Brit. str.	London
Kirklands	Brit. str.	Liverpool
Mount Hebron	Brit. str.	London
Sirathdeo	Brit. str.	discharging
Terra	Brit. str.	discharging

MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.

Galicia	Brit. bgo.	United States
J. V. Troop	Brit. sh.	uncertain
Schiassino Padre Ital.	bgo.	discharging

BANGKOK.

In port on November 26, 1890.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

Flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir Nowell Salmon, K. G. B., V.O., Commander-in-Chief.		
— H. M. Ship tonnage, displacements and effective horse powers are given according to H. M. Navy list.		
Torpedo Boat No. 35	95	1010
Torpedo Boat No. 36	303	340
g.b. 3rd class coast defence	6157	14
Tweed	925	750
Victor Emanuel	2750	4
Wanderer	—	—
Wivere	—	—

KOH-SI-CHEONG.

In Port on November 25, 1890.

MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.

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Wyndham Street, Hongkong.		
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Agostino Rombo Ital.	bgo.	
Velocifero	Italian bgo.	

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, PONDICHERY,
MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID.

MEDITERRANEAN AND
BLACK SEA LINES, ALEXANDRIA,
MAURITIUS, AND PORTS
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;

ALSO
LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX.

ON THURSDAY, the 18th December,
1890, at Noon, the Company's
S.S. MELBOURNE, Commandant PAUL,
with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and GARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till
noon, and Parcels until 3 p.m.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 4, 1890. 2083

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
AND RAILWAY COMPANIES.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1890.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

ABYSSINIA—THURSDAY, 18th Dec.
PARTHA—TUESDAY, 30th Dec.
BATAVIA—SUNDAY, 25th Jan.

THE Steamship ABYSSINIA, Captain
Williamson, R.N.E., sailing at Noon,
on THURSDAY, the 18th December, will proceed to VANCOUVER, via INLAND
SEA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

FROM HONGKONG FIRST CLASS.

To Vancouver and Victoria \$210.00

To Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma \$210.00

To Portland, Oregon \$220.00

To Winnipeg, Minneapolis, St. Paul \$260.00

To Chicago, Kansas City, Milwaukee \$255.00

To St. Louis, Detroit, Cincinnati \$280.00

To Hamilton, Kingston, London, Ont., Ottawa, Toronto, Mont., New York, Albany, But., \$290.00

falso, Niagara Falls, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Washington \$295.00

To Quebec, Boston, Portland (Maine) \$295.00

To Halifax, St. Johns \$345.00

To Liverpool \$355.00

To London via Liverpool \$330.00

To Paris and Bremen \$345.00

To Havre and Hamburg \$355.00